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SUBJ: AMERICAN TRAVELERS STALLED AT KENYA-TANZANIA BORDER

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY USAID REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ARUSHA
APRIL 22 THAT GROUP OF AMERICAN TRAVELLERS ON TANZANIA SIDE
OF TANZANIA-KENYA BORDER HAVE BEEN DENIED PERMISSION BY TANZANIAN
AUTHORITIES TO CROSS BORDER. TRAVELERS ARE PART OF GROUP OF ABOUT
125 OF MIXED NATIONALITIES ON LONG OVERLAND TRIP THROUGH
AFRICA WHO ENTERED TANZANIA FROM ZAMPIA. REST WILL BE ARRIVING
IN ARUSHA OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. NUMBER OF AMERICANS TRYING TO
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CROSS BORDER COULD REACH 60. OTHER NATIONALITIES INVOLVED ARE
SWISS, CANADIAN, BRITISH, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AT MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN
TO GET A BORDER CROSSING EXEMPTION. AT SAME TIME, IN VIEW OF
TANGOV'S REFUSAL TO GRANT ANY EXEMPTIONS TO ITS RECENT SEALING

OF THE LAND BORDER WITH KENYA, WE ARE SUGGESTING TO AMERICAN TRAVELLERS THEY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE ROUTING AROUND KENYA-TANZANIA BORDER.

3. USAID REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ARUSHA HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AMERICANS THROUGH WEEKEND AND WILL ALSO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR HAS SENT MESSAGE TO AMERICANS INFORMING THEM OF EMBASSY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EXEMPTION.

4. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.
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